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HEALTH TIP: Getting enough sleep reduces risk of developing certain chronic illnesses, such as heart disease, depression, and diabetes

A first-person perspective can tie affirmations more strongly to your sense of self

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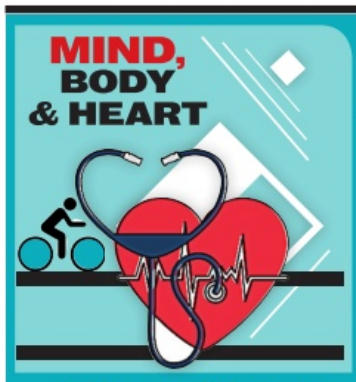


All problems solved

Dear Coleen

I'm a single woman in my 30s and I've developed a huge crush on a male friend who's in a serious relationship. He's been with his partner for years, although they're not married. We're all part of a bigger group of friends and I've always found him attractive and sought out opportunities to talk to him one-on-one. I used to think that if we'd been single at the same time, we might have ended up together. Lately, I've been seeing quite a lot of this couple and I've found myself obsessed with this guy. I know this is becoming a problem and I don't want to do anything about it, as I want to keep them both in my life as friends, but I'm struggling because I like him so much. I know if he showed an interest in me, I'd go for it. What can I do about these feelings and will they pass?

COLEEN SAYS

Yes, I think these feelings can pass, but you need to give yourself a fighting chance. He's attached to someone else, so nothing can happen (keep reminding yourself of that) and then stop going out of your way to engage with him or be alone with him.

If you're at a party and he's there, make interest a conscious effort to talk to other people. And if you find it hard to do this, then back away from this group of friends for a while and focus on other areas of your life.

Part of it is that he's there, right under your nose, but he's also "out of bounds", which makes him even more attractive. So remove yourself from the situation. Also, think about his partner – who is also your friend – and put yourself in her shoes.

It's important to look forward and not dwell on what might have been. There are plenty of single guys out there, but you won't meet them while obsessing over the one you can't have.

—Coleen Nolan, Daily Mirror

THE GAME IS ON!

Planning for that perfect gaming night? These snacks are the perfect accompaniment

AGLIO OLIO PEPERONCINO

INGREDIENTS

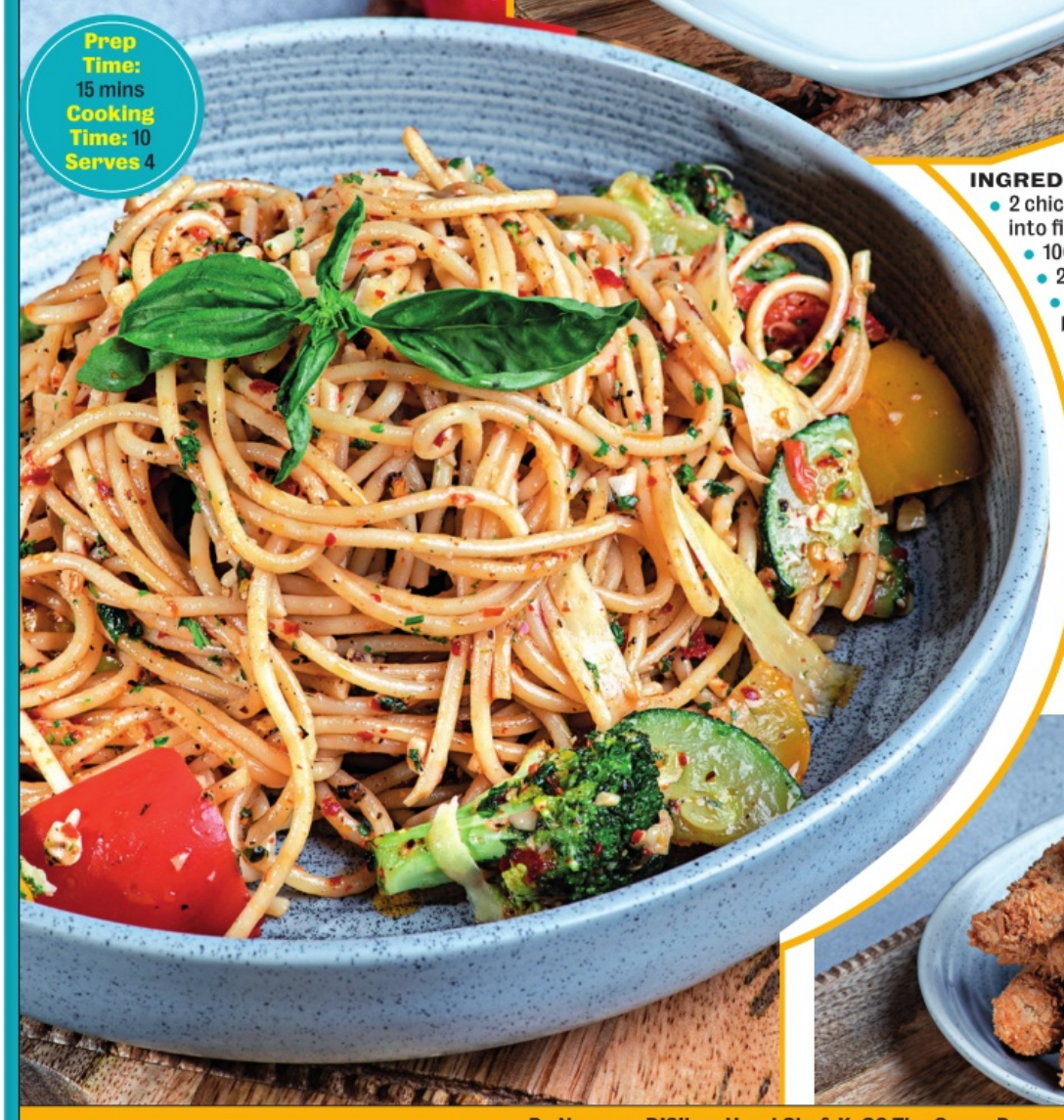
- 200 gm spaghetti
- 50 gm green zucchini (Cut into 1-inch cubes)
- 50 gm yellow zucchini (Cut into 1-inch cubes)
- 50 gm broccoli
- 25 gm red peppers (Cut into 1-inch cubes)
- 25 gm yellow peppers (Cut into 1-inch cubes)
- Fresh red chillies deseeded (or leave seeds in depending on how spicy you want it to be): Approximately 2
- 10 gm fresh parsley chopped
- 4-5 cloves of garlic finely chopped
- 30 ml olive oil
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 1/4th cup grated parmesan cheese

METHOD

- In a heavy bottomed saucepan, fill with water half way to the top, add salt and bring to the boil, place pasta in boiling water and cook for 10 minutes. While pasta is cooking in another heavy bottom frying pan or skillet add olive oil, heat and add chopped garlic, saute the garlic, add vegetables and red chillies, add a little pasta water to cook and soften up the vegetables a little or till al dente. By now the pasta should be ready, strain and add spaghetti pasta to vegetables, add salt and pepper to taste, finish with chopped parsley and a generous sprinkling of grated parmesan. Serve with toasted garlic bread.

Note* The vegetables can be replaced with 200 gm of chicken leg boneless (cubed) or 200 gm shelled prawns.

Prep Time: 15 mins **Cooking Time:** 10 **Serves** 4



PESTO FISH TIKKA

INGREDIENTS

- 500 gm seer fish (or any firm fish) skinned, filleted and cut into 2 inch cubes
- 1 tsp ginger garlic paste
- 3-4 green chillies
- 200 gm fresh basil leaves
- 50 gm grated parmesan cheese
- 20 gm pine nuts
- 30 ml olive oil
- 100 gm yogurt
- Juice of 1 lime
- 3 tbsps vegetable oil
- Salt and pepper: to taste

METHOD

- Place fish in a mixing bowl, add ginger, garlic paste, mix well, cover and place in fridge to marinate. In a mixing jar, place basil leaf, green chillies, pine nuts, olive oil, salt, parmesan, salt and pepper and blend. Remove and place in a bowl. Take fish out from the fridge, add yogurt and a tablespoon of pesto sauce (add more pesto sauce if a stronger pesto flavor is desired). Correct seasoning add a dash of lime juice.
- In a heavy bottomed frying pan, add oil and heat. Once oil is heated place fish gently in the oil and fry. Cook fish for no more than 5 minutes constantly turning the fish to get an even colour, to prevent from burning and to cook fish thoroughly. Finish with a sprinkling of lime juice and serve with a tomato and onion salad.

Prep Time: 20 mins **Cooking Time:** 10 **Serves** 4

CRISPY CHICKEN STRIPS

INGREDIENTS

- 2 chicken breasts (cut into finger size strips)
- 100 gm flour
- 2 whole eggs
- 200 gm panko breadcrumbs
- 200 ml vegetable oil
- 2 limes (Juice of half a lime and wedges separate)
- Salt and pepper: to taste

METHOD

- In a bowl, place chicken strips, add lime juice and salt and pepper to taste, mix well and set aside.

Crack eggs in to a bowl, in another container add flour and season flour with salt and pepper. Place panko bread crumbs in a container. Take chicken place in flour, eggs and bread crumbs, coat thoroughly, repeat this process. In a deep kadai or frying pan add oil, heat and gradually add chicken strips. Fry till golden brown. Remove strain on kitchen towel, serve with lime wedges and sauce or dip of your choice.

Prep Time: 20 mins **Cooking Time:** 10 **Serves** 4

By Norman D'Silva, Head Chef, K-OS The Game Bar

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Not considered employees, women gig workers must pursue cases of sexual harassment while on duty on their own, pushing most such cases under the rug

DARK SIDE OF THE GREY AREA

Technically they can approach local complaints committee, but these are ineffective

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Instances of precarious situations gig workers have to be in during their work have been coming to light of late. When BM turned the spotlight on the issues of women gig workers, especially in case of harassment faced during work, this grim fact is what we found: Not considered employees but independent contractors, women must take up cases of sexual harassment occuring even while on duty, as individual parties.

Gig workers, by the nature of their work, have to often visit spaces where they have limited control – public spaces, restaurants or homes of users, making them extremely vulnerable, especially while working at odd hours.

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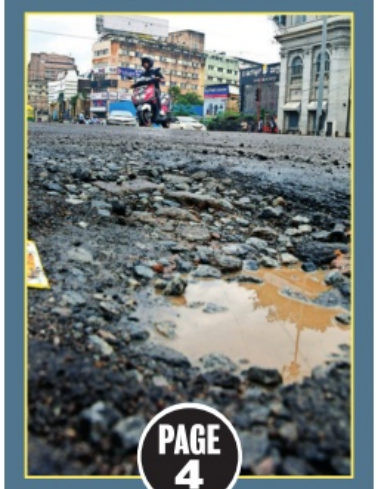
> — Rikta Krishnaswamy, Coordinator at All India Gig Workers Union (AIGWU)

MIX QUICK FIX

BBMP's plan to tackle small potholes, repairs



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Her motorcycle diaries

Counting milestones: Meghana takes snapshots of her journey in various parts of the state for posterity

Meghana CR quit her job as a techie to bike across Karnataka; in the process, she forged relationships, embraced nature and found herself

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What began as a journey to indulge her love for biking and exploring locales old and new turned into a journey of embracing her individuality, being one with nature, and rekindling friendships.

When Meghana CR, a techie from Bengaluru, quit her job to travel the length and breadth of Karnataka on her bike, little did she know that her trip would mark an epoch in her life.

It was in 2017 when she undertook her first biking expedition, a solo ride from Manali to Srinagar via Ladakh. From that moment on, she was hooked. "Initially, I had plans for an all-India bike trip with a friend, but budget constraints and the arrival of the covid-19 pandemic altered my plans," she explained.

Forced to limit her travels to her native places during the pandemic, she managed to save some funds. With a long-standing dream of exploring Karnataka on two wheels, Meghana had a sudden realisation and decided to embark on a thrilling solo journey within her home state.

Meghana says she had a lot of friends in various parts of the state which offered her a safety net during her adventure. "With friends scattered across every district, and being within 7-10 hours of home at any given time, I felt assured and confident about this ride. I then meticulously planned the route, noting down district names, bookmarking maps, researching regions, and compiling a list of both well-known and unexplored places to visit. To ensure a smooth journey, I packed essentials such as medicines, appropriate clothing, cosmetics, and the necessary government identification and bike documents," she said.

Aware of the challenges she might face on her solo ride, both physically and mentally, Meghana constantly reminded herself to be careful, safe, and resilient. Undoubtedly, any achievement comes with sacrifices and Meghana had to make a few of her own. Determined to give her 100 pc, she made the decision to quit her job. A week before setting off, she created a WhatsApp group to share regular updates with five of her closest friends. Although everyone was excited about her journey, Meghana promised them she would prioritise her safety and strictly ride from sunrise to sunset.

BIKERS' BUZZ
BM'S PLATFORM TO MAKE THE GOOD RIDES ROLL

"This trip was more like a reunion as I got a chance to reunite with my friends in several cities, including Belagavi, Raibag, Hubballi, Manipal, Mangaluru, Sirsi,

> **"I completed a bike trip across 31 districts, clocking 7,500 km in 60 days and spent close to Rs 2 lakh** – Meghana CR

Dharwad, and Kalaburagi. The warmth and hospitality of the people I encountered on my journey were awe-inspiring. While it may have been unusual for many to see a woman on a bike with a sizable saddlebag, they wholeheartedly welcomed, accepted, and supported her. Some expressed happiness, others voiced concerns for her safety, and a few even suggested 'I turn back'."

She recalls many challenges, including road conditions, scorching summer heat, and the scarcity of restrooms. "Riding in the hot sun with protective gear and shoes proved arduous, especially as I traversed different regions with varying climates. Descending from the north, I encountered rainfall that brought much-needed rain and relief from the scorching temperatures. Despite these challenges, there were many unforgettable experiences, from witnessing the sunset at Agumbe and crossing the Sharavathi hanging bridge to exploring historical sites like Gol Gumbaz, Yana caves, Badami, and Aihole. I got a chance to visit the birthplaces of Kittur Rani Chennamma, Kuvempu, and Sir M Visvesvaraya, and touched the Atmalinga at Gokarna. I danced and sang on a beach in Manipal, paid tribute to the legendary actor Dr Rajkumar at the Jog falls. I was scared when confronted by a pack of wild dogs at K Gudi, trekked through the enchanting Mangrove Forest in Honnavar, and enjoyed thrilling rafting in Dandeli," she added.

As Karnataka is often called as one state of many worlds, Meghana got a chance to explore worldly experiences like scuba diving at Netrani, fresh coffee in Malnad, crawling at Obavvana Kindi at Chitradurga Fort and so on. "During the journey, I embraced my individuality and revelled in being myself, being solo and being a strong and an independent woman. I completed a bike trip across 31 districts by riding over 7,500 kilometre in just 60 days by spending close to Rs 2 lakh," she added.

For Meghana, the trip has just begun.

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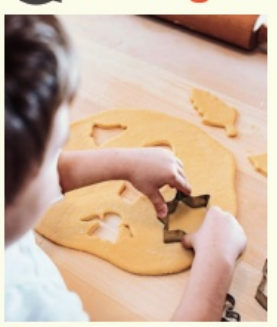
01 Cooking for kids



Introducing tiny ones to cooking at an early age can be a wonderful way to foster their creativity. The cooking classes at JW Marriott Hotel Bengaluru offer a unique blend of fun, learning, and hands-on experience children imbibing essential culinary skills such as measuring ingredients, mixing, and even plating their creations like professional chefs! **Where: ALBA, JW Marriott Hotel Bengaluru; When: Till 31st May; For more details, call: 9667523794**

02 Stories and brunch

Sundays and late morning Brunch is an emotion. On the other hand, Stories have always been an emotion too. What's common between the two is the rich heritage of food and stories. What if they come together? Listen to these stories of the food as you enjoy your Sunday Brunch set at a cozy location that has its own stories. A beautiful day starts with a lovely breakfast. **Where: Atta Galatta; When: May 28, 10 AM- 11:30 AM; Ticket: https://in.bookmyshow.com**

03 Spiralling into Desire

Spiralling into Desire is a Movement x Film collaboration that documents a woman's descent into her deep body, as she follows her desire. Bringing together dancer, authentic movement and mental health practitioner Brinda Jacob-Janvrin, filmmakers Roohi Dixit and Ziba Bhagwagar, this experimental film is a visceral journey into the liminal space inhabited by the mover as she navigates the inner and outer worlds. This experimental film is set at the intersection of the arts, psychology and spirituality. **Where: Bangalore Creative Circus; When: 28th May, 4:00 pm-6:00 pm; Register: https://rzp.io/l/bccsmart**

Please take this party elsewhere

Residents of Whitefield neighbourhood unable to walk around or sleep in peace as area turns hangout spot

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Residents living in a locality in Whitefield are at their wits' end as the area around an apartment complex has turned out to be a hangout spot for youngsters at night. Several residents BM spoke to said that after 10 pm, several youngsters gather near the Athashri Road, and create quite a racket. The residents also claim that despite contacting the police, there is no action or even regular patrolling.

Sai Meera, 60, a resident of an apartment building in the area, said that senior citizens are even scared to go out at night.

"Till 2 in the morning, these youngsters loiter in the area, smoking and shouting and we can't do anything about it. There is a nice pathway in the area, which we can use for walking, but whenever we go, there are a bunch of people hanging around. If you try to scold them or tell them that we will call the police, they only argue with us. It is becoming difficult to sleep with all the smoke and noise," said Meera.

Another resident, KG Indira, 72, said that there are several senior citizens in her apartment building too.

"People who live across the street from us have called the police several times, but nobody came. The main problem is that small eateries and cigarette shops are open till late at night, and that's why the entire street is so crowded. This issue has been troubling us for the past six months," says Indira.

Sandeep Anirudhan, Convenor, Namma Whitefield, says this is happening due to the illegal PG buildings that have created a mess in residential areas of Whitefield.

"Most of these PG buildings are built in violation of norms such as building bye laws, so they leave no offsets or setbacks, no ventilation or light. They are either constructed without approvals or in violation of approvals. In a site that would normally have housed a family of four, now 100 people are staying.

As a result, the layouts are having to accomodate 25 times their capacity. This has put severe stress on amenities, water supply, electricity and even sewage pipes keep exploding. Illegal shops and eateries have cropped up at every building. The erstwhile peaceful residential layouts are now bustling with crowds and noise past midnight," he says.

He adds that what residents are seeing on Athashri Road is how the problems created in these plotted layouts are spilling onto neighbouring areas that are better planned.

"This is due to complete failure of laws and policy for Town Planning and City planning. Everything stems from that, and the lack of masterplan for the city. Secondly, even in the existing framework, the extreme corruption in BBMP, allows these PG developers and shop owners to violate laws blatantly, while the engineers look the other way," he added.

BM contacted ACP Whitefield, and he said that patrolling in the area has not been happening regularly since the last three months. "We were not doing regular patrolling due to election arrangements but now we are approaching the inspector and sub inspector to start regular patrolling," he said.

Zero covid case in city after 3 yrs

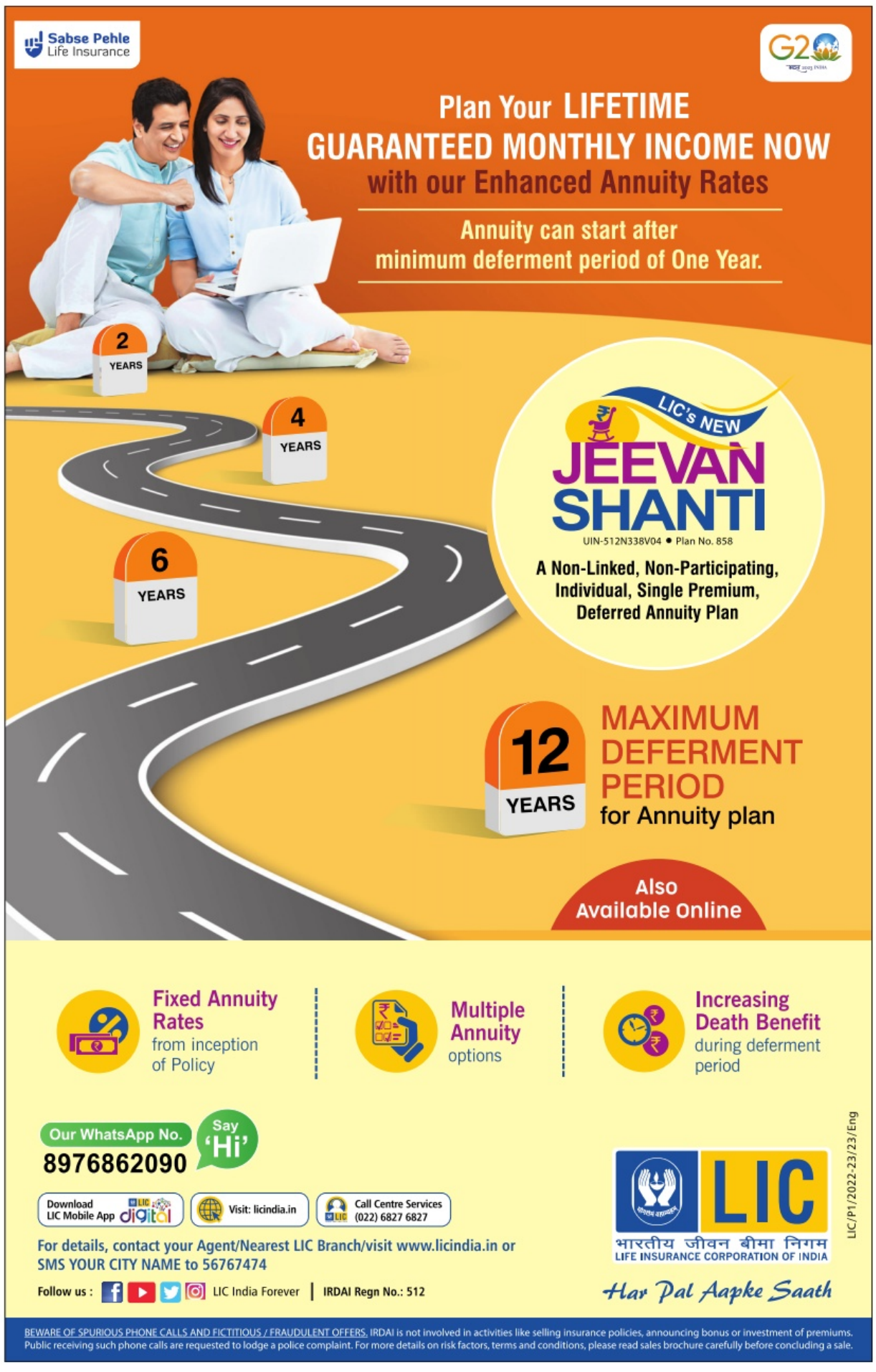
After nearly three years, Bengaluru recorded zero covid cases on Saturday. This is said to be the first such instance where not even a single person tested positive since May 2020. Sources in the health department said that during the initial days of covid when strict lockdown was imposed, there were a few days when not even a single case was reported. However, since then Bengaluru has been consistently recording cases even when cities like Delhi had recorded zero cases. Overall, on Saturday, only 12 Covid cases were reported across the State with Shivamogga reporting the most with six cases.

Muthappa Rai's son attacked

A complaint has been filed against a businessman at Cubbon Park police station for allegedly attempting to assault Muthappa Rai's son Rikki Rai. Ricky Rai's car driver Somashekhar filed a complaint on Friday. Rikki is said to have gone for dinner to a restaurant at Lavelle Road. At that time, the businessman came with three or four people and planned to attack Rikki. According to the sources, Rikki was hit on the forehead. The police were immediately informed. When the police came, they complained that those who were with the businessman had escaped.

Student dies by suicide

A young man is said to have died by suicide at his PG accommodation in Vijayanagar. The deceased has been identified as Abhishek, 19, from Bidar. According to the sources, he was staying in the PG to study. The exact reason for the suicide is not known yet, said the police. The police visited the scene and investigated the matter. A case has been registered under Govindarajanagar police station.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Cold mix to the fix

BBMP wants to make it norm to repair small potholes with cold mix asphalt; Cold asphalt comes in bags of 25 kg and can be applied after cleaning up a spot

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The Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) will be making it standard practice to fix smaller potholes and repairs with cold mix asphalt. The measure is expected to bring about a quicker fix.

Cold mix asphalt can be purchased and spread out without the use of machines. The Palike has already been using it during the monsoon season.

"It is a new initiative and was taken up on a trial basis a few months back. The measure is expected to speed up minor road repair and pothole work in the city. Usually, the contractors face issues with one or two patchworks on an urgent basis. They usually require one or two truckloads of asphalt. There is also a need for machinery to be moved around multiple places, which takes time. Cold asphalt, on the other hand, is more appropriate for patchworks by the size of three feet by three feet," said Clement Jayakumar, Secretary of Mahadevapura Task Force. He added that the process is completely manual. Two people and a tractor can execute the work and compaction can be done by vehicle pressure.

Cold asphalt comes in bags of 25 kgs and can be applied after cleaning up a spot. One pothole can be filled within 10-15 minutes. Currently, the practice is only followed for major roads in Bengaluru city.

Speaking about the effectiveness of cold-mix asphalt, MN Sreehari said, "Currently, we are using hot-mix asphalt for road construction and the temperature of the asphalt is lost during transportation. Hot-mix asphalt loses a temperature of at least 20-25 degrees Celsuis. The aggregates do not blend well after losing temperature. Without bonding material and proper blending, it will not also help with load bearing." During the rainy season, the aggregates and bitumen will be separated, which leads to stripping, he explained. The road peels off and potholes are formed. Cold mix asphalt is a better alternative during the rainy and cold seasons.

"With cold mix asphalt, bitumen is brought into a liquid state before application. In the case of pre-mixed cold mix asphalt, they can be brought to the spot and compacted. When compacted with the correct density, the road strength will be increased. For smaller potholes, you can just stamp the mix. However, for a new layer using cold mix asphalt, compression should be made from the centre to the edge. Compaction should also be made with flat-foot rollers," he said.

File photo of plastic being used at Kempegowda International Airport to asphalt roads

Craters come in all sizes

Bengalureans don't just have to be on the lookout for bigger potholes, smaller holes on the road can be dangerous too. In a strange incident, a pedestrian walking on Moore Road was injured after tripping over a hole on the road.
The pedestrian's leg fell into the hole and he hit his forehead.
"The incident happened on May 26 at around 11 pm. There is a hole in the middle of Moore Road. A person was taking a wheelchair for someone and walking on the road. His leg fell into the deep hole. The hole was deep enough to fit his entire leg. The man hurts his forehead," said an onlooker.
Residents say that it is unusual to find such holes on the road and it is the first case for them.

> **It is a new initiative and was taken up on a trial basis a few months back. The measure is expected to speed up minor road repair, pothole work in the city** – Clement Jaykumar, Mahadevapura task Force

Pourakarmikas to get breakfast allowance

Pourakarmikas will receive Rs 50 per day for breakfast allowance starting from June 1, Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) announced. Previously, the Palike used to provide breakfast, but pourakarmikas have expressed displeasure.

The entire sum of Rs 1,500 will be deposited in their accounts along with their salary.

BBMP Special Commissioner Harish Kumar told Bangalore Mirror, "We used to provide breakfast, but pourakarmikas have insisted on receiving an allowance. Starting from June 1, a sum of Rs 50 per day will be given to pourakarmikas." Previously, food was being supplied by ISKCON, but pourakarmikas were unhappy with the taste of the food.

However, pourakarmikas say BBMP should increase the allowance to at least Rs. 100. "It is a very good initiative, but pourakarmikas work a lot and need to eat well. The allowance of Rs 50 is too low and should be at least Rs 100.In many places, their service was stopped for th," said Nirmala S, President, BBMP Pourakarmika Sangha.

-Melvin Mathew

South Interior Karnataka may see normal monsoon

There is good news for South Interior Karnataka, including Bengaluru, as the India Meteorological Department (IMD) has forecasted above-normal rainfall for the region during the upcoming Southwest Monsoon season. According to the latest IMD forecast, the South West Monsoon, which brings the maximum rainfall to the city, is likely to be above normal.

The IMD's analysis indicates that the equatorial Pacific and Indian Oceans are currently experiencing ENSO-neutral conditions, with near to above-average sea surface temperatures (SSTs). However, there are high probabilities for the development of El Niño conditions during the upcoming monsoon season. Additionally, neutral Indian Ocean Dipole (IOD) conditions are prevailing over the Indian Ocean, but the forecast suggests the development of positive IOD conditions during the monsoon season.

The IMD's updated forecast for the 2023 Southwest Monsoon Season indicates that the monsoon seasonal rainfall over the country as a whole is likely to be 96 per cent of the Long Period Average (LPA), with a model error of ± 4 pc. The LPA of the season rainfall over the country for the period 1971-2020 is 87 cm. The probability forecasts for the seasonal rainfall suggest that it is most likely to be within the normal range of 96 to 104 per cent of the LPA. **-BMB**

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2	HITACHI VANTARA	18
3	ACCENTURE	13
4	ACE MICROMATIC	7
5	HEXAWARE TECHOLOGIES	2
6	QUEST INFORMATICS (HCL)	36
7	TECHMAHINDRA	8
8	TECHOUTS	2
9	RINEX TECHNOLOGIES	72
10	PALLE TECHNOLOGIES	16
11	ALOHA TECHNOLOGIES	1
12	EAVETOP	17
13	INTELLIPAAT	30
14	JAYBLUES TECHNOLOGIES	1
15	JET HIRE PVT. LTD.	1
16	PIN CLICK	5
17	MAGELLAN AEROSPACE	2
18	ICICI BANK	12
19	MANIKARAN POWER LTD	2
20	TEACHNOOK	75
21	GLOBAL QUEST TECHNOLOGIES	15
22	Q SPIDERS	10
23	STRATOGENT	17
24	UNIMIC AEROSPACE	4
25	ACE MICROMATIC GROUP	2
26	TERRALOGIC	25
27	AVERY DENISSION	10
28	GENERAL AERONAUTICS	2
29	GARUDA AEROSPACE	7
30	EDUKYU	2
31	LUFTHANSA TECHNIK SERVICES INDIA PVT. LTD.	1
32	HOME FIRST FINANCE COMPANY INDIA LTD.	1
33	AEQUS	1
34	DRO-BOT	1
35	EXCELR SOLUTIONS	8
36	CORIZO	12
37	KODNEST	9
38	TCS DIGITAL	2
39	ETHUNUS	8
40	AEROGO	2
41	STAC CONSULTANTS	4
42	PENTAGON SPACE	6
43	XWORKZ	28
44	TAP ACADEMY	4
45	VALFIN ADVISORY INDIA PVT LTD.	2
46	L & T TECHNOLOGY SERVICES	1
47	HL KLEMOVE	5
48	FACE PREP	6
49	ACCORD	3
50	SMART ENOVATIONS	3
	TOTAL	618

PROGRAM WISE PLACEMENT STATISTICS OF 2023 BATCH

S. No.	Program	Offers Received
1	Civil Engineering	33
2	Mechanical Engineering	27
3	Electronics & Communication Engineering	137
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STORYBEHINDTHEPHOTO

SPOT ME IF YOU CAN

During a school trip on Biodiversity Day, the students asked to identify the survival strategies of insects in the nearby areas. And our 10-year-old reader located this praying mantis camouflaged within green leaves

The picture was clicked by reader **Adithya**

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Sewage on our streets: 100+ households suffer

As there is no underground drainage system in Bank Avenue Colony, every other day sewage overflows on to the roads and gathers outside homes

The residents of Bank Avenue Colony, Babusabpalya, are having a difficult time due to the lack of an underground drainage system. Anu Sunil, a resident of the area, told Bangalore Mirror, "The absence of a functional underground drainage system is not only causing us significant inconvenience, but it is also posing serious health hazards. There is a persistent sewage overflow on our streets. This is not only an eyesore, but it is also turning into a breeding ground for diseases. Most of the residents here are frustrated and concerned about their well-being. We have been running from pillar to post to find a permanent solution to this problem, as our health and hygiene are compromised due to the poor sanitation network."

She said that the Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB) had collected a significant amount in 2019 for the development of UGD connections. "However, to our dismay, these connections have not yet been granted. Numerous complaints have been lodged, but no concrete action has been taken by the engineers so far. Shockingly, approximately 100+ houses have been neglected, with explanations citing reasons such as the downstream location and the need for UGD pipes to pass through private land as the landlord is unwilling to cooperate. These explanations provided by the BWSSB to the

Sewage is a disease-breeding ground, say residents, who are not convinced by BWSSB's excuses for inaction

residents seem rather perplexing. We have sent numerous emails to the BWSSB chairman with no response so far," she said.

She added that even though the BWSSB had assisted some of the streets in laying underground pipes and diverting their sewage to the raja kaluve, these 100+ houses have been neglected due to some of the aforementioned reasons.

"We once again request the BWSSB to address these critical issues and provide us with a safe, healthy, and peaceful environment," she added.

— BMB

DID YOU KNOW?

Bengaluru saw aeroplanes for the first time in 1911. Belgian adventurer Baron Pierre De Caters and Jules Wyck, a pilot, had arrived in Bombay with their Aviator aircraft.The city of Bombay refused them permission to conduct an air show, so De Caters and Wyck went to Calcutta. After dazzling the audience at the Tollygunge Club, they arrived in Bangalore, where they were met by the Maharaja of Mysore. Their show, scheduled for February 2, 1911, received unprecedented levels of publicity. Newspapers, posters and flyers in Kannada and Urdu all made sure that the Belgians would show off their skills to a large and appreciative audience. The venue was the military parade grounds (Chinnaswamy stadium), and the event was organised by the British army. – The Times of India

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Let's see how much you know about Namma Bengaluru, folks. Tell us something incredible and mind-boggling about this beautiful city and our editors and researchers will check it out. If it's credible, we'll give it a shout-out, with your name and picture.

TAPTHECHATTER

where Bengalureans speak their mind

Do you think free bus travel for women is a feasible and welcome option for the city and why?

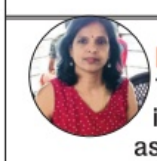
Divya Chandrakar, BM reader
Women from all strata of the society are working and are capable enough to pay for their tickets. The sanctioned budget can instead be invested to create more opportunities for women to enable them further.

Priya Kishore, BM reader
Free bus travel for all women is not a feasible solution. On the one hand, while the government will give free bus travel passes, on the other hand, indirect taxes on every other commodity will be increased. We will end up paying double.

Sridhar Comaravalli, BM reader
It is not feasible for the transport authorities if it is free for all. It can be free for women whose earnings are below an amount as it will mean additional income and help improve their living conditions.

Deeksha, BM reader
Free bus travel for women is neither practical nor feasible. Instead, the government can give this option for people with BPL cards. In the long run, free travel will only lead to losses that will be transferred to the middle class.

Atiya Firdous, student
The government must figure out a way to make bus travel for women feasible as a lot of them, may it be garment workers or street vendors, are sole earners within their families and some travel from different districts to make a living.



Kalpana, government employee
The move will have financial implications but must be looked at as an investment for women. They will be empowered with commuting, allowing them access to different spaces without relying on their families for transportation.

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Karnataka Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot, Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar with newly-inducted cabinet minister at Raj Bhawan

BRAND NEW CABINET

24 ministers of new Siddaramaiah cabinet take oath at Raj Bhavan

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By inducting 24 ministers on Saturday, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah has expanded his cabinet to the maximum extent. Previous CMs would keep one or two cabinet berths vacant to assuage disgruntled legislators. However, this time, all 34 ministerial positions were filled a week after Siddaramaiah assumed power. This means there is no more scope for cabinet expansion.

Hectic lobbying

Amid tight security, the swearing-in took place at the Raj Bhavan, where Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot administered the oath of office and secrecy to these 24 ministers. Both Siddaramaiah and DK Shivakumar had been in Delhi for the past three days and had held several rounds of discussions with the party leadership. The names of the 24 ministerial candidates were decided after hours of hectic deliberation between Siddaramaiah, Shivakumar, and the top central leaders, including AICC general secretaries KC Venugopal and Randeep Surjewala. Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge and former party chief Rahul Gandhi gave the final nod to the list. Differences between Siddaramaiah and Shivakumar had emerged over the names of probable ministers, but these were sorted out, the sources said.

First-time ministers

There have been a host of debutant ministers in the current cabinet, including K Venkatesh (Piriyapatna), KN Rajanna (Madhugiri), Manakal Vaidya (Bhatkal), Laxmi Hebbalkar (Belagavi rural), NS Boseraju (Raichur district), Byrati Suresha (Hebbal), Madhu Bangarappa (Soraba), MC Sudhakar (Chintamani), and B Nagendra (Ballari Rural).

Disgruntlement

There was disgruntlement in Congress ranks as many seniors were denied berths. Haliyal MLA RV Deshpande, who is the senior-most Congress legislator, has missed the bus. Even TB Jayachandra from Sira, who was hoping for a cabinet position, was disappointed. In fact, both the leaders had said no to the Speaker's post, aspiring to be ministers. During the oath-taking ceremony, supporters of MLAs who were denied ministerial positions, such as M Krishnappa, raised slogans demanding cabinet berths for their leaders. Reacting to this, DK Shivakumar preached patience for them.

"I was ignored when Dharam Singh was made the Chief Minister, and I was not inducted initially when Siddraamaiah took over as CM for the first time," he said.

Legacy

Among those who got ministerial posts include sons of two former chief ministers—R Gundu Rao's son Dinesh Gundu Rao and S Bangarappa's son Madhu Bangarappa. On the other hand, HK Patil's father KH Patil was also an MLA from Gadag.

Krishna Byre Gowda's father CB Byre Gowda was a former Minister. Eshwar Khandre's father Bheemanna Khandre was also a minister in the Karnataka government. Sharanabasappa Darshanapur's father Bapugouda Darshanapur was a three-time MLA from Shahapur and was also a minister. SS Mallikarjun is the son of veteran Congress leader Shamanur Shivashankarappa, who had earlier served as a minister.

Surprise pick

Though none of the MLCs made it to the Cabinet, NS Boseraju is likely to be chosen as the next MLC.

As of now, Boseraju is neither an MLA nor an MLC and needs to become a legislator in the next six months. Boseraju is currently serving as All India Congress Committee secretary. Sources said that Boseraju had threatened to quit the party when he was denied an MLA ticket from Raichur earlier.

Lion's share

Bengaluru got the lion's share in the Cabinet with six ministers from the City.

Around three ministers are from Mysuru, two each from Vijayapura, Tumakuru, Kalaburagi, Belagvi, Bidar, and one each from Ramanagar, Bengaluru Rural, Davanagere Chitradurga, Chikkaballapur, Yadgir, Gadag, Mandya, Dharwad, Shivamogga, Uttara Kannada, Koppal, Haveri, Raichur, Ballari, and Bagalkot.

Photographs from the swearing-in ceremony at Raj Bhavan on Saturday; Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and newly-inducted ministers arrive, some with their families, to take their oath

Caste Arithmetic at Work

Siddaramaiah has strived to achieve caste/regional representation.

Lingayats have received the highest share in the ministerial berth, with eight ministers. DK Shivakumar, Cheluvarayaswamy, Venkatesh, MC Sudhakar, and Krishnabyre Gowda have been accommodated in the Vokkaliga quota. Dalits have secured nine ministerial berths.

Among other micro communities, Boseraju represents Raju Kshatriyas, Mankal Vaidya represents the fishermen community, Madhu Bangarappa represents the Ediga community, and Santosh Lad represents the Maratha community. In the Kuruba community quota, apart from Siddaramaiah, his close aide Byrathi Suresh has also secured a berth.

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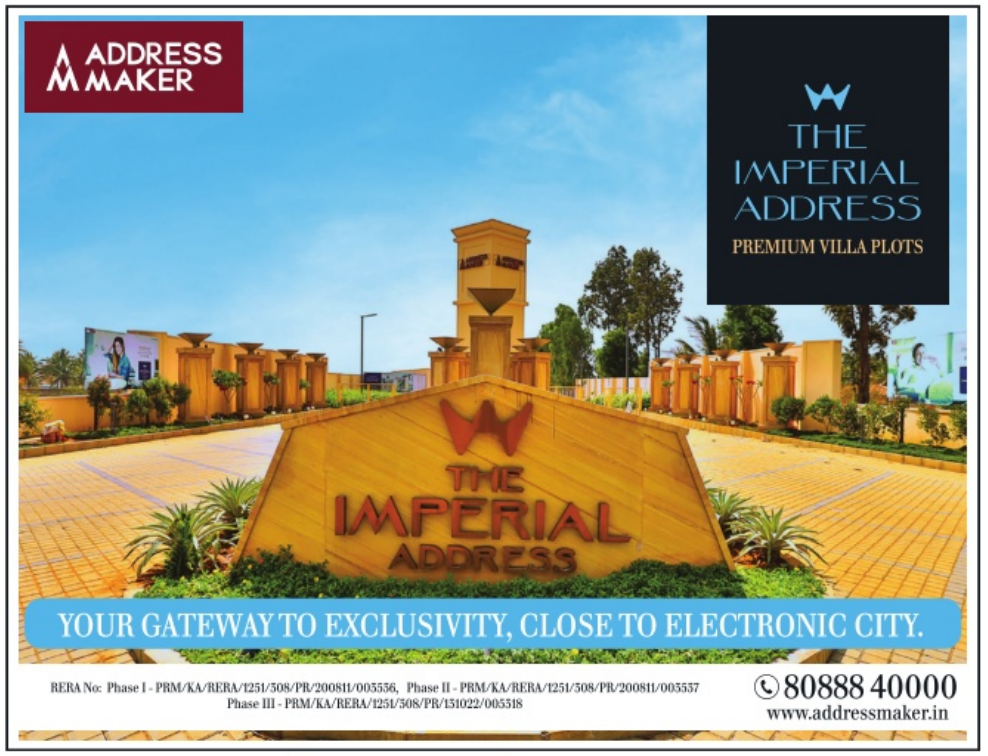
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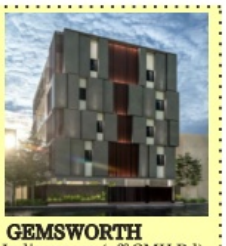

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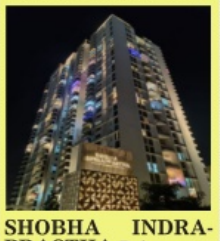

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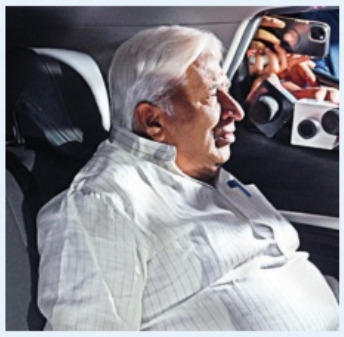

● 69-year-old MLA HK Patil was elected from the Gadag constituency. He has held portfolios of textile, water resources, agriculture, law and parliamentary affairs, as well as rural development and panchayat raj.

● Krishna Byre Gowda is a five-time MLA, twice from Vemgal in Kolar and thrice from Byatarayanapura in Bengaluru city. The 50-year-old legislator was a minister for rural development and panchayat raj. He also held the portfolio of agriculture, law and parliamentary affairs.

● N Cheluvarayaswamy switched from JD(S) to Congress in 2018 ahead of the Assembly elections. He lost that election. He is a four-time MLA from Nagamangala. He was a Lok Sabha member in 2009 but resigned in 2013 to contest in the Assembly poll on a JD(S) ticket from his favourite seat, Nagamangala.

● K Venkatesh is a five-time MLA from Piriyapatna. The 75-year-old Congress MLA was previously with Janata Dal. He later joined Congress and became an MLA in 2013. In 2018, he lost to K Mahadeva of JD(S). He bounced back by winning the recent 2023 election.

● Dr HC Mahadevappa is a MBBS from JJM Medical College. Belonging to the Scheduled Caste community, the 70-year-old MLA from T Narasipur was previously with the JD(S) and switched over to Congress. He was the Public Works Minister in the previous Siddaramaiah government.

● Eshwar Khandre, Congress working president, comes from a political family. The 61-year-old leader is an engineering graduate and also a four-time MLA from Bhalki in Bidar constituency.

● Dinesh Gundu Rao, a BE graduate from BMS College, continued his winning streak without any break for the sixth time in 2023. He was the food and civil supplies minister from 2015 to 2016.

● Kyathasandra N Rajanna is a 72-year-old leader, advocate, and agriculturist. He was elected as an MLA once from Madhugiri Assembly constituency in 2013.

● Ramappa Balappa Timmapur is a three-time MLA from Mudhol. In 2023, he won by defeating sitting minister Govind Karjol, who was a five-time MLA from the same constituency. Timmapur was the minister for sugar, port, and inland transport of Karnataka.

● Sharanabasappa Darshanapur is a five-time MLA from Shahapur constituency in Yadgir district. The 62-year-old leader is a BE graduate in civil engineering.

● Shivanand Patil, a four-time MLA from Basavana Bagewadi, was the minister for health and family welfare from 2018 to 2019 in the coalition government headed by HD Kumaraswamy.

● SS Mallikarjun is an educationist who won the election from Davangere North. He is also the chairman of the prestigious SS Institute of Medical Science and Research Centre, Davangere.

● Shivaraj Sangappa Tangadagi is a 52-year-old MLA and a three-time MLA from Kanakagiri constituency in Koppal district.

● Dr Sharanaprakash Patil is a doctor by profession and a four-time MLA from Sedam constituency in Kalaburagi district.

● Mankal S Vaidya was elected twice from Bhatkal-Honnavar constituency in the coastal district of Uttara Kannada.

● Laxmi Hebbalkar is a 48-year-old MLA from Belagavi rural. She won from the constituency for the second time.

● Rahim Khan, the 57-year-old MLA from Bidar North constituency, was the youth empowerment and sports minister in the coalition government headed by HD Kumaraswamy.

● D Sudhakar is a three-time MLA from Hiriyur in Chitradurga district. The 62-year-old Congress legislator had served as the minister for social welfare of Karnataka from 2008 to 2009.

● Santosh Lad is an MLA from Kalghatgi constituency in Dharwad district. The 48-year-old holds a BCom and comes from a business family.

● NS Boseraju, a Congress national secretary, is not a member of the legislative council or the legislative assembly. He is considered to be close to the Congress high command. His candidature was finalised at the last minute after much deliberation.

● Byrati Suresha is a two-time MLA from Hebbal constituency. He is very close to CM Siddaramaiah.

● Madhu Bangarappa was earlier associated with JD(S). The 56-year-old legislator won the 2023 Assembly election by defeating his brother Kumar Bangarappa of the BJP from Soraba assembly constituency in Shivamogga.

● Dr MC Sudhakar is an MLA from Chintamani Assembly constituency in Chikkaballapura district. The 54-year-old legislator made it to the Karnataka Assembly for a third time. He is a dental surgeon.

● B Nagendra is a Congress MLA from Ballari constituency. He is a 'giant killer' who defeated former minister B Sriramulu in the recently concluded Assembly election from Ballari Rural constituency.

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Women gig workers have nowhere to turn to

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at All India Gig Workers Union (AIGWU). She explained that even if cases of harassment occur, most workers will choose not to make it public and hide it under the guise of other misbehaviours. She noted that when protests broke out in October 2021 by women working as beauticians and spa attendants under a popular aggregator of services, an immediate demand that arose was for a safety helpline that can be contacted if a case of harassment props up. Along with this, the women had demanded for protocols to be chalked out to address these issues as well as to be provided with the ability to escalate such matters, ultimately leading to the customer to be blocked. While the company had promised to facilitate the demands, they have largely only remained on paper.

Avani Chokshi, a lawyer and member of All India Central Council of Trade Unions (AICCTU), told Bangalore Mirror that there are two ways to approach the issue legally. Currently, the Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013 (POSH Act) mandates every employer who has 10 or more employees to set

Since October 2021, there have been demands by beauticians for a helpline that can be contacted if a case of harassment props up

up an internal complaints committee (ICC) to specifically redress complaints raised regarding harassment at the workplace. But since gig workers are positioned outside the employer-employee binary, they do not fall under this section of the act. On the other hand, the act also mandates the constitution of a local complaints committee (LCC) at a district level extending its scope of redressing complaints to women from the unorganised sector. "Technically, women gig workers do have a remedy with the LCC if there is no ICC constituted. But my understanding is that it is a mandate of law for ICCs to be constituted even by these so-called platform work agencies," Avani said, pointing out that these agencies have been evading treating their workers as employees.

The LCCs are not of much help either, noted Geeta Menon, Joint Secretary of the Domestic Workers Rights Union. "First of all, sexual harassment as an issue is very difficult to get redressal for. When it happens, it happens within four walls and there is nobody to complain, nobody who will believe (the survivor)," she said.

She added that there is no public data available regarding the number of LCCs, their whereabouts or functioning. "When I last paid a visit to the Bangalore Urban LCC over a case, we did not receive any relief from the authorities. They cited the lack of clarity on whether they should take up the case as they could not ascertain if the domestic worker was working independently or was employed from an agency. There are lots of gaps, grey areas and indifferent attitudes," she explained.

Suggesting solutions, Geeta said that the scope of LCCs must be extended by providing adequate information about them as well as making them accessible. "It is unrealistic to expect the workers to reach the district headquarters to raise a complaint. They can instead be tied up with local departments (police or even ward committees). There is a need for a helpline and the LCCs to branch out in mobile vans," she said.

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VTU STUDENTS DEMAND:
WAKE UP
A protest organised by student groups after the arrest of B'luru-based climate activist Disha Ravi (file image)

Return the power to us

Student associations in K'taka say it is high time the government revokes ban on student unions & gives them more power

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Many veteran politicians from Karnataka, including Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar, began their political career by participating in student unions in the 1970s and 1980s.

Today, student associations say that the ban on student unions has reduced student participation in politics to a minimum, and want the government to allow them to exercise their full power.

"It (the ban) has given rise to a section of students who are not even aware of the fact that truth can be spoken to power. As a result, there is no concerted movement against all unjust forms of privatisation as well as saffronisation that is imposed upon the students," said Aratrika from the All-India Students Association (AISA) affiliated to the Communist Party of India (Marxist–Leninist) Liberation.

Student councils have now replaced student unions but have no real power as college managements often control the procedures used to elect the body and decide their roles. "Current student councils merely act as mouthpieces of the administration and fest management teams. The anti-student rules imposed by the administration cannot be countered in the absence of an elected union. To ensure student democracy, the ban must be rolled back," she explained.

Junaid, who was a council member at the St. Joseph's College of Commerce during the academic year 2019-20, said that councils have minimal power. "The process of electing the council was entirely democratic but how much role could these representatives play was a question," he said and provided an example of when the council wanted to stage a demonstration in solidarity with the students of Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU) who were attacked in January 2020 but were denied to do so. "However, as individuals we were allowed to have a demonstration on the campus but this little space is also consistently deteriorating," he said and added that the situation is worse in other colleges.

Student unions -- when they were legal across the state -- had a strong hold on policies put out by colleges. Agitations were held against those which were considered unfavourable, often proving to be effective. However, more often than not, student unions were associated with major political parties which led to commotion in college campuses, if a conflict arose among parties. Union elections soon became an extension of electoral politics, turning campus politics hostile. Following several cases of violence, student union elections were banned in Karnataka during 1989-90 when Veerendra Patil was the chief minister and KH Ranganath the higher education minister.

Dhruv Jatti, General Secretary of National Students Union of India (NSUI) Karnataka – the student wing of the Indian National Congress, told Bangalore Mirror that student politics is at the core of nurturing young politicians.

"When student politics was active in universities, we had much younger legislators compared to today. Leaders such as DK Shivakumar, R Dhruvanarayana, UT Khader are fine products of student politics. There is a massive gap today between politics and the youth, and this seems to widen because of the lack of political atmosphere in the state," he said.

Jatti also added: "The violence witnessed is definitely a concern but not to an extent where you entirely scrap out the much-needed process to grow political fauna in the state. Stricter enforcement with electioneering can definitely reduce the scope of violence."

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>
> – Aratrika, All-India Students Association

The NSUI had previously taken up the matter of unions seriously and had presented a memorandum seeking their revival to Chief Minister Siddaramaiah during his previous term among other prominent leaders.

Lokesh Ram, President of Bangalore University Post Graduate and Research Scholars Union, said that it is unrealistic to expect leadership to spring from grassroots level only. He noted that the Bangalore University has allowed their union to exist and pays heed to their concerns since they are not politically backed by any party.

"I was made the president after our student collective unanimously decided to do so but we need an electoral democracy to make students aware about the Indian political system and encourage their involvement," he said, adding that the union has previously made requests to the government to reintroduce the elections and will do so again with the recently formed government.

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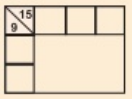
SOLVE IT IN A MINUTE

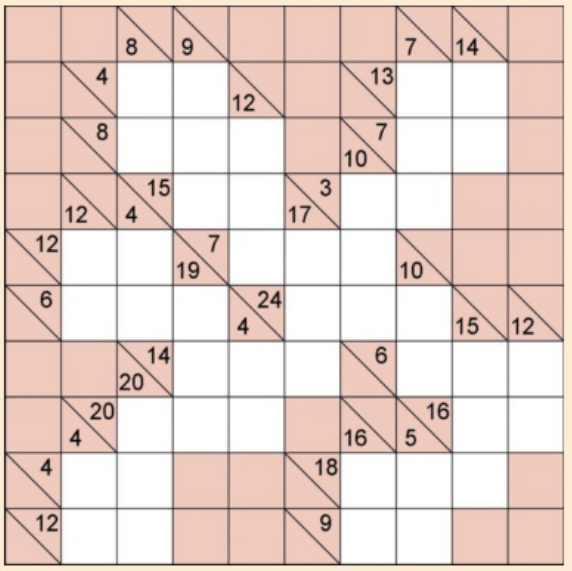
When Sam replaced Joe in a group of 5 men, the average height increased by 2 cm. How much taller than Joe is Sam?

Kakuro

The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.



Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



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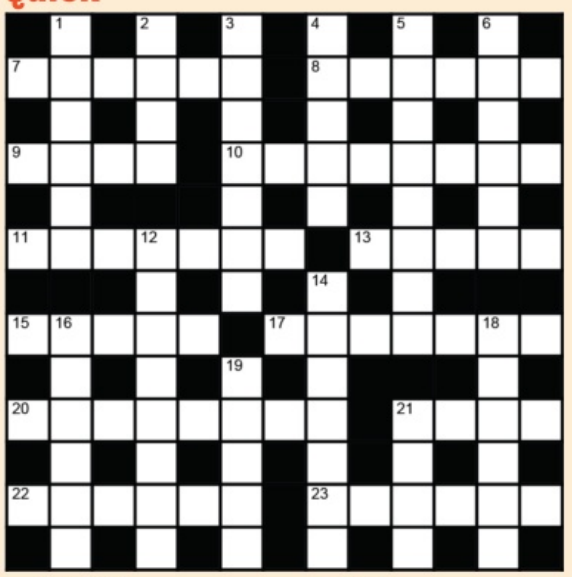


ACROSS

7 Cacophony, discord or disorder (6)
8 Having a low pH (6)
9 Helps (4)
10 Cut off (8)
11 Exercise in vanity (3,4)
13 Bamboo stick fencing (5)
15 Fasten or attach; append (5)
17 Clerical gown (7)
20 Water filled sores (8)
21 David's army leader (4)
22 Disagree in opinion? (6)
23 The capital of Croatia (6)

DOWN

1 Bamboozling, beguiling or gypping (6)
2 Purchases (4)
3 Patron saint of Wales? (2,5)
4 Tourist destination which used to be the capital of the Vijayanagar Empire (5)
5 Wine merchants (8)
6 Lightly coloured (6)
12 Dwindles or tapers out (5,3)
14 Upset, turn over (7)
16 Stimulus (6)
18 Became annoyed; fretted (6)
19 Unearthly (5)
21 Earthenware containers (4)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: Y EQUALS G

OEPKMQPXMK HKUVTKI PRK OEJEFY TKTVMB VC Q FQPEVF.

Linemaro

Our love is like a song, but you won't sing along

Mindchow

When you accept yourself, the whole world accepts you

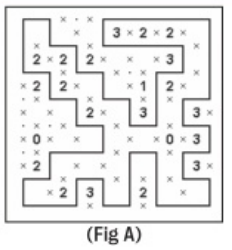
Joke of the day

How do men exercise on the beach? They suck in their stomachs every time they see a bikini

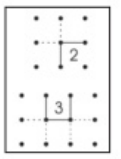
Loop

Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.



(Fig A)

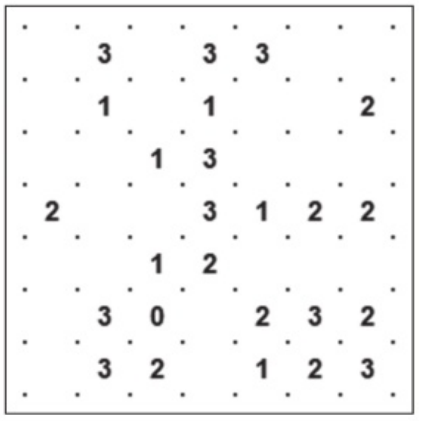


(Fig B) Not Allowed

How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)



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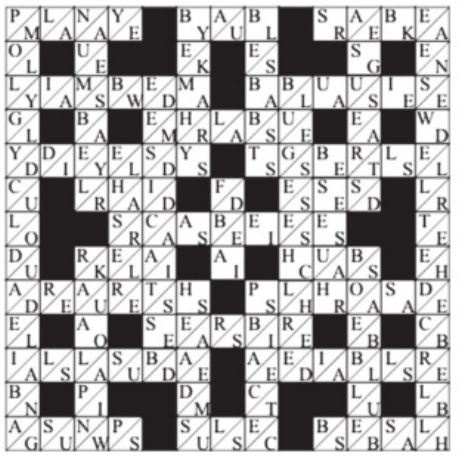
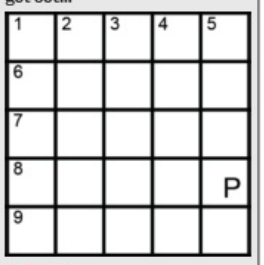


This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...



ACROSS

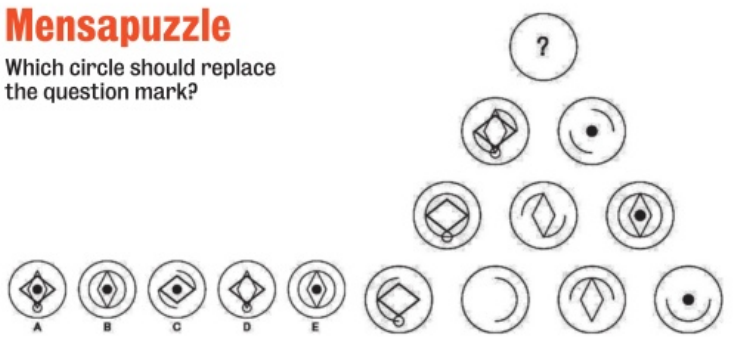
1 Slags; 6 A rant;
7 I Lobo; 8 Or pol;
9 Small

DOWN

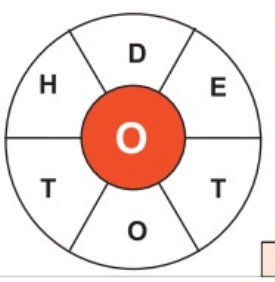
1 Mr Goo; 2 L Arab;
3 To all; 4 All so;
5 Spins

Mensapuzzle

Which circle should replace the question mark?



Bull's eye



How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

08 Average; **09** Good; **11** Outstanding

SudokuChallenge

					6	4	8	
		4	8				7	6
			9			5	2	
6			4	5				
	5			1			3	
				8	9			5
	3	5			4			
4	2				3	9		
	7	1	5					

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.

Easy = 3
2 3 4 6

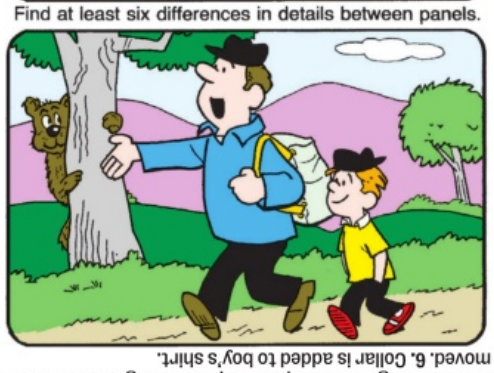
Medium = 33
6 6 8 9

Hard = 25
1 3 9 3

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.



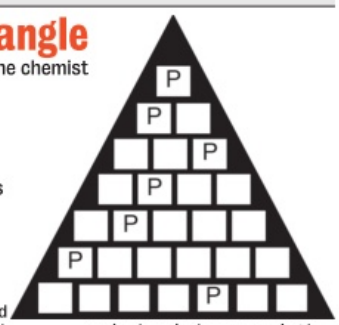
Differences: 1. Bear's paw is moved. 2. Arm is longer. 3. Tree is larger. 4. Backpack flap is missing. 5. Bear's ear is moved. 6. Collar is added to boy's shirt.

Riddler

What common saying is represented by the following? Thought: Rs 200/- Idea: Rs 40/- Speech: Rs 2/-

Alpha triangle

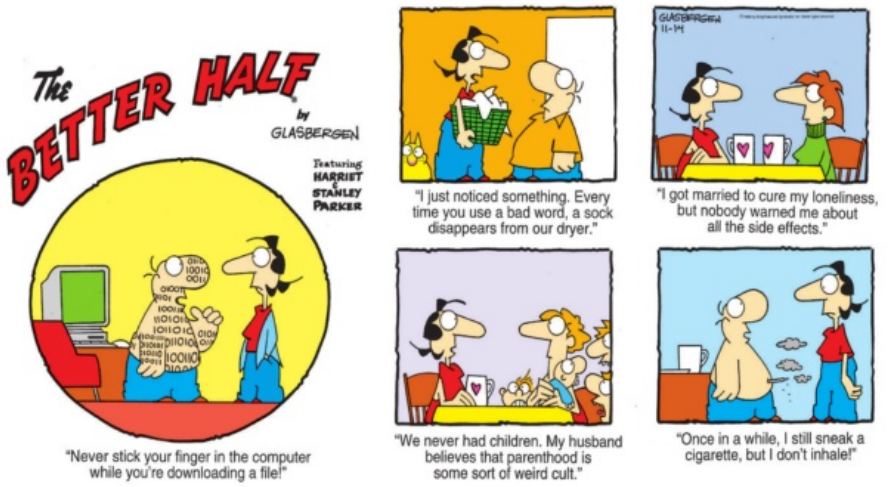
1 Phosphorus for the chemist
2 European river
3 Exceed
4 Elects
5 Athletic activity
6 Billboard item
7 Theatrical groups



Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE

COMICS


The BETTER HALF
by GLASBERGEN
Featuring HARRIET & STANLEY PARKER
"Never stick your finger in the computer while you're downloading a file!"
"I just noticed something. Every time you use a bad word, a sock disappears from our dryer."
"I got married to cure my loneliness, but nobody warned me about all the side effects."
"We never had children. My husband believes that parenthood is some sort of weird cult."
"Once in a while, I still sneak a cigarette, but I don't inhale!"

BABY BLUES™
BY RICK KIRKMAN & JERRY SCOTT
DAD! COME PLAY WITH US!
WHAT ARE WE PLAYING?
WE'RE NOT SURE YET.
SHAKE! SHAKE! SHAKE!
SINCE NONE OF OUR GAMES HAVE ALL THE PIECES, WE'RE PUTTING EVERYTHING TOGETHER AND MAKING UP A NEW ONE.
DID I HEAR YOU PLAYING A BOARD GAME WITH THE KIDS?
YOU'RE LOOKING AT THE NEW MONOPO-CLUE-YAHTZEE-UNO-SORRY-CANDY-TRAP CHAMPION.

the AMAZING SPIDER-MAN
STAN LEE
BITTEN BY A RADIOACTIVE SPIDER, PETER PARKER HAS GAINED THAT INSECT'S PROPORTIONATE STRENGTH--
--AND, LIKE HIS NAMESAKE, CAN CLING TO CEILINGS AND WALLS!
WHERE'D YOU LEARN TO HIT LIKE THAT, IRON FIST?
KER-WHUMPP
A PLACE CALLED K'UN-LUN, BUT DON'T LOOK FOR IT ON A GEOGRAPHY WEBSITE.
IT MATERIALIZES ON EARTH ONLY ONE DAY EVERY TEN YEARS.
WHO ARE YOU--AND WHAT ARE YOU DOING MIXED UP IN THIS?
PETER PARKER--REPORTER FOR THE DAILY BUGLE.
STAN LEE J-1 DAVID SIMKOTT
THANKS FOR SAVING ME--BUT YOUR FRIEND COLLEEN WING'S STILL A CAPTIVE OVER THERE!
COLLEEN? YOU HAVE A LOT OF QUESTIONS TO ANSWER, PARKER--
BUT RIGHT NOW, I HAVE TO HELP COLLEEN.
IF I CAN JUST SNEAK OFF AND CHANGE, I'LL JOIN HIM...
HANDS IN THE AIR, IRON FIST!--OR I PUT MOONLIGHT THROUGH HER!
STANDOFF ON MANHATTAN'S MEAN STREETS!

WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20
Today, your moon is not in a good position. You may feel dull and have health issues. You may face losses in this period. It is advised not to invest in risky assets as your gains may likely convert into losses. You should stop investing in worthless objects and avoid being involved in controversies; otherwise, it may negatively affect you.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20
Today, you are blessed by the moon. Love will be in the air in terms of personal life. Singles may find a suitable match. You may do better in terms of your professional life, and your friends and subordinate staff may likely support you.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21
Today, you may have confidence, which may reflect in your way of working. You are in a winning position against opponents and enemies. You may have good focus towards your goals, and health issues may be good. In domestic life, try to avoid unnecessary arguments as they may affect your domestic harmony.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23
You may be happy due to blessings from an auspicious planetary combination. You may have some sort of positive energy, which may enhance your prestige among the people around you. You may spend time studying intellectual stuff and plan for higher studies.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23
Today, you may feel dullness in your nature, but somehow, it won't reflect in your way of working. With the help of elder's blessings, you may likely get back to your speed. Pay extra attention to your kid's health. You will be in a winning position against your enemies and opponents. Investors should be careful while making difficult decisions. Stomach issues may make you upset.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23
Today, you may be happy at work. By the end of the day, you may likely make some important decisions that will help you in the near future. You may also plan for a short trip. Your subordinates may be cooperative, and you may expect good news regarding your sibling's success. You may likely be in a winning position in legal matters as well. Students may be more focused on achieving their targets.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22
Today, your communication skills may help you on the professional front. Being polite with everyone around you may speed up your projects. Lovebirds may exchange their views with each other, laying the foundation of their relationship.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22
Today, you are blessed by the moon. A new partnership may bring you benefits. Your energy levels may be high, and your hard work and enthusiasm may pay off in terms of financial gains. Your self-respect may protect you from negative people around you.

Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22
Today, you may feel dullness and unhappiness. You are advised to avoid harsh conversations with friends and family members. You may also not receive proper reciprocation for your hard work. It's important to follow your intuition and have patience while making important decisions.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20
Today, new sources of income may open up for you. Your past investments may bring you good profits, boosting your bank balance. Connecting with a social organisation may expand your network. Singles may find your soulmate for marriage.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19
Today, blessings from elders may make you confident. You can follow your intuition before taking any initiatives, which may help you at work. Your intuition may lead to financial gains. You may likely visit a spiritual place with your family members. It's important to control your arrogance to enjoy your domestic life. Students may expect good results with the help of destiny.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20
Today, you are blessed by the auspicious moon, which may make you happy. Chronic health-related issues may likely be resolved now. It is a good time to initiate your postponed projects. Your destiny may support you in terms of business gains, and you may receive rewards for your hard work. Expect work-related travel.

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SOLUTIONS

SOLVE IN 1M
H4=4 in both groups
S=Sam height cm
J=Joe height cm
(H4+S)/5 = m2
subtract last 2 equations
(S-J)/5 = m2–m1 cm
S–J = 10 cm
Sam is 10 cm taller than Joe

RIDDLER Talk is cheap

BULL'S EYE
dote, hood, hoot, hooted, toed, toot, tooted, tooth, TOOTHED, tote, toted

FAST FIVE

G	L	A	S	S
R	A	T	A	N
O	B	O	L	I
O	R	L	O	P
M	A	L	L	S

STRIKE OUT

G	U	N	S	S	S	E	S	E	A	L				
N		I		D		C		L		L				
O		U		E		E		S		N				
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QUICK

MENSA PUZZLE
A: the two circles below combine to produce the circle above, but similar symbols disappear.

QUOTE UNCODE
Literature becomes the living memory of a nation.

SUDOKU

5	1	2	7	3	6	4	8	9
3	9	4	8	6	2	5	1	7
7	6	8	3	9	4	1	5	2
6	8	3	4	5	2	7	9	1
2	5	9	6	1	7	8	3	4
1	4	7	3	8	9	2	6	5
8	3	5	2	9	4	6	1	7
4	2	6	1	7	3	9	5	8
9	7	1	5	6	8	3	4	2

ALPHA TRIANGLE
P, Po, Top, Opts, Sport, Poster, Troupes.

GO FIGURE
Easy
3 – 6 + 4 + 2 = 3
Medium
6 x 8 – 9 – 6 = 33
Hard
3 x 9 + 1 – 3 = 25

LOOP

KAKURO

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No baggage

As an artist, Suhana Khan has acquired her father Shah Rukh Khan's quality of "absorbing and learning", says choreographer Bosco Martis, who worked with the newcomer on her debut film "The Archies".

Suhana, 23, is making foray into films with Netflix's live-action musical "The Archies", based on the characters of the popular American comics. It is directed by Zoya Akhtar.

Bosco said the young actor doesn't carry the baggage of being the daughter of a superstar and her approach towards work is positive.

"For me, she is an exception. Her hard work, persistence and attitude towards anything that is related to work is positive. She doesn't come with the baggage that she is Shah Rukh Khan's daughter.

"She brings her personality and comes in as a sponge. You can work around with her and she just keeps absorbing and learning. It is such a great thing for an artist. I think she has learnt it from her dad. It is fantastic," the 48-year-old choreographer told PTI in an interview here on the sidelines of IIFA Awards and Weekend. " —PTI

THINK PINK

Anushka amps up Cannes glam quotient in pink top

Actor Anushka Sharma who had made her debut on the red carpet at the 76th Cannes Film Festival in southern France a day ago is making sure that she unleashes her fashionable avatar in the best possible way.

Anushka amped up the glam quotient in her second look that she dropped on her Instagram.

On Saturday, taking to Instagram, Anushka dropped a string of pictures of her second look. "La nuit... @festivaldecannes," she captioned the post.

Anushka looked gorgeous as she wore a pink tube top that she matched with a pair of shimmer pants. She opted for soft glam makeup and accessorised her look with Prada jewellery by Cartier. She tied her hair in a ponytail.

Soon after she dropped the look, fans swamped the comment section with red hearts and fire emoticons. "Queen is slayin!" a fan commented. "There is no one is better than you in the whole film industry. you are the most beautiful and gorgeous", a social media user wrote.

The actor hit the Cannes 2023 Red Carpet of Cannes to mark her debut in an off-shoulder ivory Richard Quinn Couture gown with hand-crafted embroidery from the in-house atelier and ivory silk taffeta roses.

The actor paired it with heels from Gianvito Rossi and a luminous unique piece pear shaped white and yellow diamond drop earrings along with yellow and white diamond rings from Chopard.

Apart from Anushka, Sara Ali Khan, and Mrunal Thakur made their debut at the event this year. Aishwarya Rai Bachchan also dazzled on the red carpet. —ANI

Wise advice

After impressing the audience with his stellar performance in his debut web series Farzi, Shahid Kapoor is gearing for his next OTT release.

In an interview with the news portal, Shahid Kapoor opened up about the best advice he received from his father, the veteran actor-director Pankaj Kapur.

Shahid said he is now doing these 'hero' roles with beautiful heroines, he is cute and charming - like the boy next door. Shahid recalled that his father told him that there is an actor inside him. And when he gives a good performance or even a good scene someday, he will feel like the lion who tasted blood for the first time. After that, he won't be satisfied with anything less. — ETimes

Fake news alert

Noted film producer and father of South Indian actress Keerthi Suresh has said the news reports about his daughter getting married to a man named Farhan Bin Liyakath are false.

Suresh Kumar has issued the statement through the Facebook page of the Kerala BJP leader, Shoba Surendran. The Kerala film producer said in his statement: "There are reports in online media that my daughter Keerti Suresh is dating a boy and that she is getting married to him. These are all fake news."

He added: "I know the boy and he is a close family friend. On the birthday of Farhan, Keerthi had posted a few photographs which were picked up by a Tamil online magazine."

He said that many people have been calling him to inquire about the news and said that this was creating a loss of peace for the family.

Suresh said that if Keerthi's marriage was fixed, he would be the first to inform the media and the public. He called upon people to not spread lies. The producer said many people have been calling him since the news surfaced. He added that Farhan was a family friend and accompanied them when they had visited Dubai. —IANS